

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB 0001

**Title:** Change funding of alcohol and chemical dependency programs

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Senator John Cobb

**Status:** Introduced

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Sponsor signature Date

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Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

## Fiscal Summary

<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2005</u> <u>Difference</u>
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**Net Impact on General Fund Balance:** No fiscal impact.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
X		Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
X		Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	X		Family Impact Form Attached

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The requirement that at least \$1 million of alcohol tax funds remaining after appropriation for distribution for chemical dependency or related social programs must be distributed to counties will be eliminated.
2. These state special revenues will be separately appropriated to be utilized as state match for existing Medicaid program expenditures.
3. There will be separately appropriated a reduction of \$1 million state general funding requirements.
4. Grants of state special revenues to counties could potentially decrease.
5. There is additional flexibility within the changes to section 53-24-108 to allow the department a broader application of the alcohol funds for use in matching Medicaid in the treatment of alcoholism, chemical dependency, and related illnesses. The language proposed to be added in page 1, lines 16, 17 and 24 of this bill and the deletion proposed in lines 27-28 are necessary in order for the Department to spend state special revenue alcohol tax generally in the Medicaid program for treatment of drug and alcohol related illnesses

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

This could reduce the amount of alcohol tax funds by up to \$1 million distributed to the counties for use by approved private or public programs pertaining to the problems of alcoholism and chemical dependency.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. It is not clear whether the \$1 million guaranteed distribution to the counties described in current law in 53-24-108(2) is an absolute requirement that the legislature must leave \$1 million for distribution or a limit that comes into play only if the legislature chooses to fund co-occurring services.